

Education Committee

Professional Development- ACEC Indiana played an instrumental role to advance the efforts of the P.E. Board to pass mandatory continuing education for all registered P.E.'s, which is expected to finally be approved by Gov. Mitch Daniels this year. Fulfillment of the Professional Development Hours would be required for the next license renewal.

University Relations- Awarded \$12,000 to five engineering students attending Purdue University. Proceeds for the scholarships came from the ACEC Indiana Annual Scholarship Golf Outing held in June. Continued to work with universities in Indiana to promote engineering majors and promote the ACEC Indiana scholarship availability.

High School & Middle School Outreach- Championed the engineering curriculum "Project Lead The Way," participated in its teacher's "training" conference and spoke about ways our member firms can help the program.

Environmental Business Committee

The fifth Annual Environmental Business Conference had a record-breaking attendance. Presentations covered Indiana's anti-degradation legislative direction with a keynote address by State Senator Beverly Gard, Chairwoman of the Senate Environmental Committee; IDEM's water quality priorities and program update; implementation of anti-degradation in Illinois; State Revolving Fund (SRF) and ARRA/federal stimulus funding; IFA's "green" funding program; CSOs and long-term control plan implementation.

ACEC Indiana forayed into the opportunities in the energy marketplace by hosting its first Energy Forum, which featured a keynote address by Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman, national expert Stephen VanBeek of Eno Transportation Foundation, Washington, D.C., and other experts from Duke Energy, and state and federal agencies.

Conducted a field trip for the IDEM and IFA staff to view innovative projects under construction, and provoke discussion of other new technology and applications. Continued cooperative agency discussions on Environmental Rules and Policy Development. Planned a training session on new and evolving IFA SRF requirements.

Government Affairs Committee

ACEC Indiana continued to advocate for adequate long-term funding for local roads and bridges, and water/wastewater infrastructure to the Indiana General Assembly without high expectations since it was a non-budget session on top of the dire economic conditions that saw state revenues slump. Nevertheless, it was an opportunity to re-play the message of the importance of vital infrastructure to Hoosier's quality of life and the role that professional engineers play in designing it.

ACEC Indiana, along with the Build Indiana Council, was successful in preserving the Major Moves Trust Fund for future state highway projects, rather than being raided for other uses during the tight economy. QBS legislation passed the State Senate, provoking good dialog about qualifications, as opposed to a commodity mentality, but it did not progress in the House.

Political Affairs Committee

With 2009 being a non-election year, the Committee focused on distributing state PAC funds for the 2010 elections and strengthening relationships with state legislators and statewide officials to educate them on the issues and concerns of the Professional Consulting Engineering profession. ACEC Indiana raised over \$13,000 for the federal PAC of ACEC National, which supports candidates for U.S. Congress.

Engineering Leadership Program

Graduated the sixth class of participants in this in-depth management training program for PE's interested in firm management, which included 15 individuals from 10 firms.

Participants attend four two-day sessions throughout the year that cover a wide range of industry and business-related topics. These courses are led by individuals from both the academic and business world in the areas.

If you are interested in recommending a candidate in your firm for the leadership program, contact the ACEC Indiana office at staff@acecindiana.org or (317) 637-3563.



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Year in Review

Maintaining a high-level presence with state and local officials was essential to advancing the interests and concerns of the Professional Consulting Engineering profession.

ACEC Indiana's member-led liaison committees continued to meet with the key state and local government agencies. This is a summary of each committee's important accomplishments on behalf of all ACEC Indiana member-firms.

INDOT Committee

ACEC continues to work with INDOT through Team Indiana (which also includes construction and utility organizations) which meets monthly, and many task groups of the Professional Services Delivery Oversight Committee. The implementation of the ARRA/federal stimulus program consumed much of INDOT's attention to ensure all funds allocated to Indiana were used; Indiana was ranked No. 1 of states based on the most of number of projects, as well as the lowest average cost per project, and saw work in each county.

- A new Change Order Policy was implemented that will keep the EOR involved in construction to ensure effective and economical constructability solutions.
- Local Public Agency (LPA) manual lead by ACEC Indiana is nearly complete and under final review.
- Significant progress on the new Design Manual has been achieved.
- Continue to work on the County Bridge Inventory manual to complement new software.
- Conducted a successful three-day seminar for PE/PS training with record-setting attendance.
- Continue to work with the INDOT Audit Department, with its new CFO and staff, to encourage its compliance with FAR in areas of overhead, benefits and compensation.
- Helped INDOT write a new Consultant Procedure Manual required by FHWA.
- Participated in policymaking on Errors & Omissions to protect the legal rights of professional engineering consultants.
- Consultant Selection Committee recommendations made to the Commissioner at his behest last year are still under the agency's consideration.

Indy DPW Committee

Quarterly round-table discussions with DPW have enhanced relationships with the staff, and outreach has occurred with other City Office's including the Office of Minority Business Development, Office of Code Enforcement, and Office of Sustainability. Subcommittees were successful in the following areas:

MBE / WBE / VBE Participation – Worked with DPW, the Office of Minority Business Development and the ACEC Diversity Subcommittee to develop a Mentor – Protégé Program that will be piloted by member firms.

Sustainability – Assisted DPW and the Office of Sustainability in developing standards and investigating historical use data on sustainable infrastructure.

Standards - Reviewed and provided input on DPW's CSI format specifications and the Green Supplemental Document for stormwater design.

Funding - Assisted DPW by sending survey to other mid-west municipalities in order to investigate alternative funding options for infrastructure improvements.

IDNR Committee

Worked with Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Water and Fish & Wildlife on the following issues:

- Floodplain Modeling Guidelines Sub-Committee is working toward a late 2010 release of the revised modeling guidelines.
- IDNR is working toward a late 2010 release of the Automated Base Flood Elevation Determination program.
- IDNR is finalizing the Floodway Habitat Mitigation Guidelines. The release date is unknown.
ACEC intends to host training on the releases/guidelines.

Funding Sources Committee

Funding Sources Committee collaborated with the Indiana Office of Community & Rural Affairs, the Indiana Finance Authority, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Rural Development to develop a brochure to assist local governments in their use of these state and federal funding sources for water/wastewater projects. It provides a clear

understanding of the variety of funding sources, timeline to obtain approval, criteria and resources required for each one, and will be available for distribution soon. The Indiana Department of Energy (DOE) began participating this year as it had significant resources dedicated to local governments and the committee encouraged it to develop a grant program for energy saving in water/wastewater systems, public buildings and street lighting.

Fire & Building Safety Committee

Activity was sporadic during the lengthy search for a new building commissioner after Don Bradley retired in July; during the interim, the committee met with other Department of Homeland Security/State Building Department staff to keep dialog open. Scott Perez, AIA, was appointed to serve as Commissioner by the Administration in November. During the same time, the City of Indianapolis, Department of Code Enforcement, launched a pre-permit plan review for Class 1 structures, so ACEC, along with AIA, fostered communication between the city and the State Building Department to minimize duplication and delays for building permits. Still a relatively new requirement, the effort is ongoing to track progress and identify concerns. Concerns related to another proposal by the city of Indianapolis to impose a new fee structure on horizontal infrastructure permits have required representatives of both this committee and the Indy DPW to respond. Lastly, ACEC Indiana is participating in the formation of the next Indiana Energy Code.

Diversity Committee

Hosted the fourth Annual Diversity Networking Fair and Luncheon Aug. 19, 2009, which included a record number of 44 exhibitors and over 70 attendees. The event's primary goal is to promote positive relationships with minority, women, disabled and veteran-owned businesses and partner with both the Education and Indy DPW committees in their efforts in promoting diversity within the professional consulting engineering profession.

The committee also met with the City of Indianapolis to start a pilot Mentor- Protege Program. This program is designed to encourage and support XBE firms through voluntary partnerships with mid-size and larger engineering firms. Look for more information regarding this program in the coming year.